THE HIDNAPPED MILLIONAIRES

A TALE OF WALL STREET AND THE TROPICS

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| service, we are indeed fortunate."

Kent declared that the oranges were

the best he ever had tasted. A few

minutes later L. Sylvester Vincent

entered with a hope platter of

peached eggs, cooked to perfection.

and made the feast complete,

"We have no ergam, but this con-

head of the table and was in splen-

"You don't seem to be lost now.

Brother Pence," said Mr. Kent, as he

helped that gentleman to another

portion of bacon and eggs. "You

certainly have found your appetite."

"You let Pence alone," said Mr.

Morton. "We will make you cook

"Perhaps you think I can't cook?"

said Mr. Kent, defiantly, "You don't

"I do," said Mr. Haven, "Pass the

Mr. Kent smiled in a sandonie

manner at Mr. Haven, and continued

by saying that when a young man

he had served as cook for six

dishes. For an hour he was a busy

man, He donned an aprom and washed

large imported eight. Every once

he lit a fresh eigar, and joined the

rest of the party which was grouped

on the west veranda, engaged in

"We must divide our work and as

ation. If not erazy he is a ville

months in a western mining camp,

know what I can do!

sugar, please."

conference

lenn com-t."

mate."

excitement.

room."

the black L is the bungalow. Here

did humor.

BYNOI SIS.

CHAPTER L-The sensational news of All were surprised and delighted. the disappearance of four of New York's Sidney touched a button and set two wealthlest millionaires appears in the electric fans in motion. They found the grane facility of the grane facility of the grane facility. New York Record and startles that city.
"HAPTER II.—Robert Van Horne is
owner of the Resord and William Chalmers is his managing editor. Mr. Hester,
a young millionaire friend of Van Horne. orbi-wide reputation as a reporter,

meeting with P. J. Morton, impacter and relired marginate, and states his plant the formation of a newspaper trust. ind of trade operator, stampedes the cord of trade operator, stampedes the on the viands. But the cooks were

o the wall.

CHAPTER N.—One mergins Andras armody, Palmer J. Morton, R. J. Kent and Simon Pence, millionaires, cannot cound and the stock exchange is panice.

CHAPTER VI-No clew to whereabons of men can be discovered but next day letters are received from them say-ling they are all safe. I. Sylventer Vica Chicago promoter, has also dis-

CHAPTER VIL-Miss Helen Carmody. daugther of Andrew Carmody, calls on Chalmers and arranges for payment of sitefs. Talk about your a large reward through the Record for toria! It isn't in it!" be of the millionaires and arrest of

e aisductors. CHAPTEH VIII.—Chalmers bends exery offert to work of rescue, greatly for Richard sake. Segmour, a reporter at Chi-capo, telegraphs that Vincent is the abactor. Chalmers endeavors to learn of stors whereabouts; latter and reports the abductor, Chaimers and Helen n his vacht the "Shark."

evidence is invarified politting to Hestor on the abductor. Circiners and Helea carmody become quite friendly with HAPTER X.—Seymour goes to New the next meal as a punishment,"

house built for him recently somewhere TIAL TER NI-Hestor had invited milmajors to take a short cruise in his acht and discuss his to vertager brost heine. They had necepted and when at of the harbor be told them they were of, a young lowyer friend of Hestor, the veranda; Vincent volunteered to

also one of the party. The party of the bridge clear the table and look after the TIAPTER XII -An attempt to bridge dishes. For an hour he was a look CHAPTER XIII.-After a vocage of a and wiped the dishes, and stored

days they come to an island in the them away in the china closet. Dur-HAPTER XIV.-Here they debark and ing this operation he smoked a find a house newly built and evidently large imported eight. Every once intended for them. Hester unloads great in a while his face would wreathe quantities of provisions and furnishings, in smiles. When his task was ended

to find Hester and the yacht gone,

CHAPTER XV. ON SOCIAL ISLAND.

Had a visitor dropped in on the sign each member of the party a cer-cight occupants of the Hester bun-tain responsibility." Mr. Morton was galow at seven c'clock that Wedness soying, "In the first place we must of parrots and cockatoos joined. day morning of the tenth day of ascertain, as near as possible, where May, he would not have imagined we are, and then device means to Mr. Morton, "I occurs to me that to wipe them. It was worth a jourthey were marconed. Even Mr. Pence return to our homes. We may as there are three divisions of work that new around the world to watch the before him, he plunged into the forhad recovered his spirits if not his well dismiss this man Hestor and Should engage our attention. The great capitalist scrape a frying pan est which sloped upward. It grew courage. The cooling waters of a his yacht from any further consider. first is our sustenance ducing the or a kettle, and to see the deftness thicker as he advanced. Suddenly

mulate plans. After consulting my stomach, I am of the opinion that the first problem is that of break-

"Yes, and unlike many enstaways of history and of romance, we should not have great difficulty in satisfying our hunger," observed Mr. Rockwell,

"Mr. Vincent, you are familiar with our resources in the matter of food," said Mr. Morton, "Suppose you see what can be done in the way of breakfast. I imagine there is

ney Hammond, "Your gentlemen retire to the veranda and give us the use of the dining room and kitchen ice you will not starve."

While the others smalled down to the landing where the "Shark" once rested, Sidney and Vincent took possession of the culiumry part of the bungalow. They soon found the fable linen, and Sidney are reged the plates, knives, forks, speams and ernets, while Vincent was loney building a fire in the kitchen cange. From the cave Vincent produced two dozen for weeks. He brought up ham and thousands of islands in the West In- plorers," bacon and potatoes. There was also dies which are not on the map, and a dozen leaves of bread from the we may be in any one of them." stores of the yacht, and plenty of sea | "Here is something that may be go on some other committee," biscuits. The coffee put was soon of service to us," said Mr. Morton,

supply of condensed milk. "I have always bragged about being a good cook, and here is where the dressing case." as he sliced several loaves of broad and prepared to make toast. Vin-

of grape-fruit and oranges. "Serve both of them." said Sidney. "That means finger bowls. Have we !

any finger bowls?" "Sure," answered Vincent, as he ing to the pear-shaped lake, "and made them ready.

In less than half an hour Sidney are the hills which surround the his duty and can go about it." wood in front of the bungalow and lake," said Mr. Carmody pointing to raise a dinner belt which had been the shaded portions of the map, back kitchen and in a few minutes rebound by the inquisitive Mr. Vincent, of the bungalow and around "Morion | turned. He stood in the open door

In the meantime Sidney stepped to Bay." the rear of the building and plucked | "This is not a complete map of a big bouquet of flowers, which now the iskend," said Sidney Hammond. adorned the table. A massive water "it is merely a detailed map of the service, silver butter dishes, and an immediate surroundings of the bay, imposing array of glass and china There is the reservoir he spoke were set off by the spotless linen about, and here is the brook which lifted his eyes over his steel-rimmed and flowers. "Be seated, gentlemen," said Sid- we can find any other map in his Vincent.

"This is magic," said Mr. Rockwell, \ \ \ \ \ thorough search revealed none.

surface of the globe. All that the toes! Me pare potatoes? Absurd!" map showed was the contour of the There was a general roar of laughbay, the course of the brook to the ter. reservoir, and a little to the west galow and the small island in the on exploration." bay. There was no scale, and the waters to the east were designated by no name.

ful study of the map, but it threw no

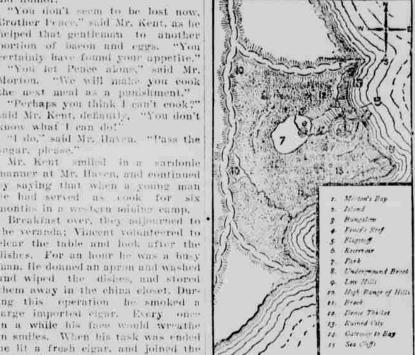
"For all that this map shows we may be on the moon," said Mr. Kent. appealingly. 'All that we know is that we are tropies. We may be east or west or north or south of Cuba. For all I

know we may be off South America." "Well, we can consider this later." to business. It would not be right for good Americans to do anything without an organization, and I move Mr. Pence at present. That genthat Mr John M. Rockwell be made tleman arose, and with a woeful ex-Sidney followed with crisp bits of chairman, and that Mr. Sidney Hams pression followed Vincent to the bacon and a generous installment of mond act as secretary. All in favor kitchen. A few minutes later he broiled ham. Mr. Morton clapped his of the motion say laye!"

hands and proposed three cheers and a vote of thanks for the cooks. They which Mr. Rockwell joined with a adept, and Mr. Kent looked in at a were given with a will. Then all fell laugh,

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Rockwell, approval. not yet through. They served French "I have presided at many meetings. "He is the best man you could se-fried potatoes and Saratoga chips, and with varied success, but this is lect." said Mr. Kent, addressing the vast piles of buttered toast, jars of the most interesting and perhaps the general superintendent, who was poison yourself." jam, and to crown all. Vincent brought in the steaming coffee pot densed milk is not bad," said Sid- What is the pleasure of the meet- than it did when he began. He is a "Make no excuses," said Mr. Kent. ing?"

"In my opinion, Mr. President," a dividend." "You and Vincent are the kings of said Mr. Morton, "our first duty is to thefs. Talk about your Waldorf-As- change the name of the island. Its present name is distasteful to me. I The cooks joined in the break- move you sir, that in view of the fast, and it was a hungry and a character of the men who now inhabmerry party. Mr. Morton sat at the it it, that we call it 'Social Islami.'



MAP OF "SOCIAL ISLAND."

by amid appliance in which a flock foods and cooking utensils.

we are compelled to remain on with which the famous "We are somewhere in the West President appoint committees to su- interest.

I admit, but we should be able by Roelswell pendered a few memoria it is not going up,"

think we are well to the west of it devolves on one or two men it will point of find on the island. Cuba, and not many hundred miles to more drudgery. I can going to from the Mexican or Central Amers appoint Mr. L. Sylvester Vincent as general superintendent of the Social "I entirely agree with you," said I sland bungalow, and of all the lands. Thursday was a perfect day after plenty of end stuff which will serve Mr. Morton. I kept as close a watch and game preserves thereunto ape the storm. The air was fresh and of the direction taken as possible, pertaining. He will have full author- cool from the ocean. Sidney was up ganize our forces and perhaps do Monday was cloudy, but I am sure by to call on the services of any at an early hour and took his obthat on that day and on a part of member not employed at the time servation of the time of the sonrise. Similar we were golfig in a westerly on other duties, and in case of dis- II was Mr. Kenr's turn to get breakor southwesterly direction. I figure pure the president will render a fast, and he did himself credit. In that we ran about 121 hours on a decision. The president will also be the meantime Sidney had been pre-20 miles an hour, that would make own room in order. Mr. Vincent, fairly good order, but, oiled and

> miles either way from this esti- "Yes, sir-or Mr. President, both several times. rather," said Mr. L. Sylvester Vin- It was about eight o'clock when

chairman of the committee on ex- of the lake, and from the express tire speculator. He then yelled at Carmody thought from his motions of a dinner which had much of prom-"You will not solve the problem ploration," said Mr. Rockwell. "He sion of his face he did not relish the top of his voice. of the "Shark," and which were so of where we are at by gazing at that will be assisted by Messrs. Kent and the task. packed that they would remain fresh map," said Mr. Kent. "There are Pence, both of whom are great ex- He refused to take a gan, and ravine to the left. Sidney can in him. Mr. Rockwell, Mr. Hason and the table. Pawpaws were picked a number of innerants who were on

ed Mr. Pence. "I whild prefer to expedition. It was low tide, and the

boiling, and its pleasing arount filled who had been absent for several tions," said Mr. Rockwell, and he gateway to "Morton's Bay," the kitchen. There was an unlimited minutes. "I took a notion to ex- hammered on the table with a ruler amine the room occupied by Mr. Hes- to indicate that the question was Sidney and Mr. Kent found it fairly for last night, and I found this on settled. "Mr. Andrus Carmody will easy to follow the course of the be chairman of the committee on brook. A trail had been cut along Mr. Hestor unrolled a sheet of mas escape; Mr. Morton and Mr. Haven the winding bank the preceding nila drawing paper containing a will serve with him on that commit. year, but such is the virility well-excepted map labeled "Hesto- tee. The president volunteers his tropical vegetation that already it cent remembered there was a supply | tin." It was spread out on the din- services on any and all these coming table and examined amid much mittees. Is there any other business was a jungle so dense as to be imbefore the meeting? If not we penetrable, "Here is what Hestor named 'Mor- stand adjourned, subject to call at

ton Bay," said Mr. Carmody, point- any time. Adjourned." "That is the way to do business," Mr. Vincent walked out into the

were variously engaged. "Mr. Penec," he called. Mr. Pence had sunk back in his chair and was examining a book which Sidney left on the table. He passes the bungalow. Let's see if glasses and gazed languidly at Mr.

and looked over the gentlemen who

"You can come to the kitchen, Mr. Pence," said Vincent, "and pare "If your menu " as good as your They then proceeded to make a care- the potatoes for leachcon."

"What's that " exclaimed the light on their position on the broad astounded millionaire. Pare potabeneath the spreading branches of rock."

"I am on another committee!" exof it, also the location of the bun- claimed Mr. Pence, "the committee "You now seem to be on the es-

cape committee!" said Mr. Kent. "Take him along, Vincent," Mr. Perce looked at Mr. Rockwell

"I have nothing to do with it," Mr. tee. If not, you will have to obey Mr. Vincent. He is general superinhis authority.

Sidney said that he did not need donned a white appron and entered There was a chorus of "ayes," in on his new duty. He proved an point where the broad leaves spread side door and regarded his work with

most important in my experience, critically watching Mr. Simon Penet. I will make a formal speech when "He can cut the thinnest paring you we are out of the woods; or more ever saw. The potato will weigh properly perhaps, out of the ocean, more when he gets through with it wonder. You ought to see him pare



ARL PENCIE "Make him go 'way," pleaded Mr.

But Mr. Kent had disappeared, Mr. Vincent went in search of more help. He found Mr. Haven. "I shall have to ask you to chop

some wood," he said. ax? I was a dandy at chopping wood | waterfull. when a boy. How long do you want when a boy. How long no you want the sugar said Sidney as he studied the view he saw deer, and could cally have a ravenous appetite.

his duties in a most systematic man- 1 can scale those rocks? The motion was carried unanimous- kitchen, and the exact location of all watch you."

"Now, Mr. President," continued tailed to wash dishes and Mr. Kent ever the waterfall. Without stop-

CHAPTER XVI. AN EXPLORATION

a total of 2.480 miles. It may be 100 will you accept this commission?" elevated them carefully, and tested

Sidney produced an atlas from the cent. He was delighted with the Sidney and Mr. Kent disappeared in library, and all pored over the map, title of general superintendent and the thicket through which the brook of North America, as if demanding by the extent of his authority. took its course. Mr. Pence had been

"I don't want to explore," protest- what he regarded a most cangerous beach was clear of water to the

For the first quarter of an hour was well-nigh closed. On both sides

At the end of an hour's hard work they came to a cleared space and found where the dam had been said Mr. Morton, "Each man knows built ucross a gorge between two watching Mr. Kent and the deer. rocks. The dam was about 12 feet A moment later he rose to his feet, a make covering perhaps 20 acres of a half-yawn and half-growl. Sidney ground, from which the timber had brought the ritle to his shoulder, been denuded. The character of the The beast snarled and poised for and tree, the plateau on which they

easy and pleasant one."

waving grass and flowers, but other- possible reach the crest of the hills wise the vista was unbroken.
"This is a superb spot," said Sidagined that from that point of vanney, "Did you ever see such flowers tage it would be possible to deteralive and well, and somewhere in the Rockwell said, "unless Mr. Hammond and trees? How tame the products mine the approximate shape of the urgently needs and demands your of conservatories seem compared island, and hoped to identify it by services on the exploration commit- with nature's work! There is a a comparison with those bunch of roses which would be worth shown on the maps which he had \$100 in New York. What kind of a found in the books of the bungalow said Mr. Morton. "Let's get down tendent, and you voted for him and tree is that?" Sidney pointed to a library. They therefore decided to medium-sized tree about 15 feet in satisfy their hunger with bananas height, with broad spreading leaves, and pawpaws. They found the lat-"Why, it's a banana tree," he ex- ter very refreshing. Sidney knocked claimed in great delight. "And what two from a tree. They were the size is more, it is loaded with bananas,"

low-black bananas hung from the like a stalk of celery. Sidney took to stay their hunger. out his knife and cut several from the bunch. "You are sure these are bananas.

"They certainly are," said Sidney, "and they are delicious. These are the first ripe bananas I have ever tasted. The stuff we get in New York is no more like this than potatoes are like pears. They pick them green, months before they are ripe, and ship them north to ripen

licious? "They are fine," said Mr. Kent, "Cut some more."

They found scores of banana trees with bunches of fruit in various stages of development. They knew that life can be susperted for an indefinite period from the banana tree thought was a comforting one.

They returned to the brook and followed it in a northwesterly di-

"There is the end of our brook." magnate was hard at work, and at before him. "I remember now that the end of three hours he had nows underground rivers and bree's are mulated a goodly pile of wood and romason in those southern latitudes, During the day Vincent went about especially in Ameatan. I wonder if

ner. He took each member of the "I know that I cannot" said Mr. colony in charge, and showed them. Kent as he sat down on a boulder, the mysteries of the storegoom and "Go ahead and I will stay here and

It was a hard climb, but Sidney After dinner Mr. Rockwell was des made it. He stood at last directly aire eastaways, and at six o'clock all and in either case we have little to this island. It can be classed under bundled a towel on the knives and and brush, woven into a thicket so an island in a jungle, which would bope from him. We must explore the broad head of housekeeping. The focks. He was giving a ran a finish- dense that as animal larger than yield a passage only to an ax. He that the water was three freely the broad head of housekeeping. The focks. He was giving a ran a finish- dense that the water was three greater results is sland, and then see what can a second is a thorough exploration of ing touch when it drapped to the a rabbit could practicate it for a hillited an assertment of game. men making his approximent fall an assertment of game, the place I had erc-sed, word, sidney walked along the edge hibited an assertment of game, running like a mile are which specie well for his mark-man mond? I have my own idea, and 4 bb. The third is to plan and provide down," observed Mr. Brown along the edge hibited an assertment of game, running like a mile are which specie well for his mark-man mond? I have my own idea, and 4 bb. The third is to plan and provide down," observed Mr. Brown along the edge hibited an assertment of game, running like a mile are which specie well for his mark-man. arr later, month? I have my own idea, and 1 life. The third is to plan and provide down," observed Mr. Haven, who more, but his search for an opening ship. Me had reversel grouse and Mr. Kent.

"No." said Mr. Pulmer J.

"We are somewhere in the West president amounts of escape, I move that the was watching Mr. Kent with much was stopped by the fact that the three spiralist amounts."

"No." said vegetable barrier finally extended. Sidney told what he had learned, Indies, or in the Gulf of Mexico or pervise and he held responsible for the Carribbean Sea," said Shiney, the performance of these duties."

"That is rather an indefinite answer. The motion being carried, Mr. York while you are away? Fil bet tree, and after a hard struggle back of the above two forms and they storted for the binagalow. It while I was away. I put my hand- Work. It while I was away. I put my hand- Work.

"That is rather an indefinite answer. The motion being carried, Mr. York while you are away? Fil bet tree, and after a hard struggle back of the above tree to a popular being Edward for help. In my excitement I dropped to a popular being Edward. "shinned" up to the lower branches, load and they took frequent rests, timing the source by our watches— and said:

It begon to rain during the fores and climical nearly to the top, reson which are set by New York time—to—et am of the opinion that all mem—noon, and sidney was compalled to this steration be had a fair view of necks and circles southerned, they which are set by New York time—to—et am of the opinion that all mem—noon, and sidney was compalled to this man of the jungle, but could reached the hungalow about five It began to rain during the fores and climbed nearly to the top. From With faces and hands scratched, and tell about how far west we are, and bers of the Social Island Colony postpone an expedition he had this part of the jungle, but could reached the hungalow about five possibly we can make a calculation should serve on the committee on planned, in which he proposed to only guess at its extent. He found o'clock in the afternoon, which will determine our suprest housekeeping. If the work is shared follow the brook to its source, which that it continued unbroken to the The volony was in a furor of explace where you found me, I exmate latitude. I am inclined to by all, the task will be light, but if he calculated would be the light.

> or five miles away. fairly direct course to this island, subject to Mr. Vincent's authority paring for the exploration of the same moment the sound of two shots the tide would rise so high as to The 'Shark's' course was erratic only in the matter of household duties, Island. He looked over the stock of come from the valley. He was fear-render his later return didicult and when Capt. Waters was avoiding it will be accepted as unwritten law guns and selected a citte and a short ful that his companion was in dan- dangerous. He did not appear in other erail. Now, if we averaged that each member must keep his gun. He found these weamons in ger. Mr. Kent had selected the shot- camp at no m, and half an hour later a solution of the puzzle from the "I shall appoint Mr. Hammond detailed to explore the north shore ran to where he had left the million and remained for nearly an hour. Mr. and Sidney mided in the preparation

An answering call came from a learned be had taken no to a take what he regarded a most cangerous ing under a tree, with the shotgun watched the figure across the bay. half raised. He was looking intently They were equally mystified. At "The chair will accept no resigna- frowning rocks which formed the tance away. At his feet was a dead In a few moments he reappeared, de resistance. This was flanked by rise about 3 o'clock in the morning and

ney approached. "Do you see that evident signal of distress.

flat slab of sandstone was a lean, fithe, dun-colored beast. He looked and acted like a hig cut. When Sidney approached the large round head been seen, neither had the flag of was lowered over the edge of the rock, and the maintal was intently in height. Above was the reservoir; stretched out his neck, and emitted Vincent, Mr. Carmody and Mr. Morforest around this artificial lake was a leap to the ground below. The the place where Mr. Pence was last far different from that through shot rang out. The big eat turned seen. They called his name, and mortal deorge married a widow with two which they had passed. It was more his head like a flash and hit at his were delighted to hear a faint reopen. Instead of the jungle of shoulder as if a bee had stung him, sponse from behind the rocks. The chaparral, Spanish bayonets, and He gave a roar, leaped into the air rescuers paddled around and found a other forms of thorny plants, brush and fell in a heap at the bottom of crouching figure on a narrow ledge the rocks. Sidney advanced toward just above the steadily rising tide. Simon Pence was speechless with in

"This is more like it," said Sid. said Sidney, as he lifted one of his ney as they took a sent on a rock big paws. "He looked fine on that

a magnolia tree. "If the rest of the "He didn't look so blamed fine to island is like this our task is an me," said Mr. Kent.

It was noon, and although the sun Their view was one to entrance a was warm, Sidney was reluctant to poet. They were at the edge of a return to the bungalow without glade covering about 40 acres. Here making one more attempt to peneand there a rock showed above trate the jungle to the west, and if of a small pumpkin, and the flavor A huge bunch of yellow and yel- was much the same as that of a nutmeg muskmelon. These, with fresh water from a spring, were sufficient

"This is the first Robinson Crusoe meal we have had," said Mr. Kent, "There is not much of the romantie. in my disposition, but I rather like this sort of thing for a change. But only for a change. I would rather be cost away is a bungalow with elec- and there is no sign of a beach. trie fans and a cooking range, than on a desert reef with a shotgun and a naked savage. To my mind, old Robinson Crusoe was in mighty hard the thought.

It would not do to leave the deer in basements or in tenement houses. behind; there being no place to hide Did you over taste anything so deit where wild animals could not reach the carcass, and it was agreed that Mr. Kent should guard his trophy and attempt to shoot some grouse, quail or other game, while Sidney completed the search for an outlet through the jungle. Mr. Kent said he would take clumes with a shotalone, and while they had no inten- gun, and agreed to fire twice in rapid tion of remaining on the island, the succession if he needed assistance, Sidney started for the cliffs and promised to return within two or three hours.

frection. For some time they had He scaled the rocks and again heard the sound of falling water, stood on the height overlooking the "MAKE HIM GO AWAY." PLEADED and soon circled a ledge of rock and valley. The bluff extended for as he bad a full view of a beautiful case could see, but as Sidney continued earle. The brook leaped so feet; not south he found that it gradually defrom the top of a preciouse, but creased in height until it finally came cents and a bridge ticket when f from a point fully 40 feet below the to the level of the "pack." The top. It came welling from a cavern edge of the Jungle was irregular, Fry money out on that rock I had nd fell unbroken into a pool below, but at no place was he able to pene-There could be no mistake as to this, trate it a distance exceeding 200 a nickel; and besides, it looked like On the crest of the rocks there were yards from the edge of the elifs, a nickel. I wenttrailing vines and by directly above. Gradually he worked to the early surprising abscrity. "Where is the the tunnel from which poured the Here the jungle was not so thick, like all right," said Mr. Kent. "To on noticeable advance in the rate charged but yet it was impressible to force with your story. It grows interests for those who had neglected to insure n way through it.

Thus Sidney tedled along. At times shot them, for they were absolutely fearless, and seemed decoured by There are leds of them in Mexico and curiosity. He was startled once by

perining portion. The "park" was

beyond he made out the outlines of peril? In fact, he might be dead? other and higher hills, probably four Mr. Rockwell learnedly explained what had happened as he ran with Sidney Iransmood was not unfa- Sidney and Mr. Kent to the stone your money, Simon," said Mr. Kent, the life of Webster was impugned. miliar with -uch jungles, having pier, where Mr. Carmody and others encountered them in the modulains were launching a raft which had been of New Mexico, but those northern constructed in great basic. Mr. thickets were not to be compared. Pence announced, when he reluctantto the tropical mass which new cou- by started along the beach, that he fronted him. He sat in the branches would not remain away later than of the tree for some time. Suddenly noon. He said he might be back he realized it was hot, and at the snoner, since the chances were that gan, hoping to shoot grouse or quail. Mr. Carmony took the marine glasses of a drawer. These birds had been seen in abune and went to the beach. Our near During the absence of the relief tasted the liquor, made a wry face, dance, but it had been decided to bug the gate to the bay he saw Mr. Pener committee Mr. Kent dressed the deer pondered a moment and then opened none until the time came to start standing on a rock, seemingly looking with much deftuess, and Mr. Haven the stove's door, throwing the whisky for camp. In a few minutes Sidney into the water, He saw Mr Pence go had, after some trouble, prepared into the fire, saying as he did so, "This was at the bottom of the cliff. Mr. ashore and disappear for a time in a three of the hirds for the reasting stove needs the heat more than I do." Kent was not to be seen. Sidney thicket. Then he returned to the rock pain. The range glowed with heat

at a jagged pile of rocks a short dis- last Mr. Pence again disappeared, and browned potatoes as the piece tie the bill at night, so that they might "Hurry up!" said Mr. Kent as Sid- chief on the end of a stick, as an peter, which had failen before the lie by in the heat of the day.

Mr. Kent pointed at the rocks, tide had risen, so that it was impos-Stretched out at full length on a sible to walk along the beach at the base of the cliffs. It was at once de- bananas, pawpaws and coffee com- have prayers with you." After praycided to build a raft and rescue Mr. Pence. For some time he had not distress been waved from the rock, bungalow, Rough paddles were chopped from

pieces of lumber, and the raft was launched with Sidney Hammond, ton as the life-saving crew. The tide "In you admire large families?" asked was strong against them, and it was the country virginia dame. half an hour before they approached



THEY FOUND A CROUCHING FIG-

THE ON THE LEDGE. placed the third member of the committee on exploration on the rail, and aided by the tide made a quiel voyage back to the camp. By this time Mr. Pence had partially secovered, and under the stimulus of a glass of brandy told the story of his adventure.

"I went along the shore and kept a sharp lookout for alligators and him to give him a pass key to the office, things like that," said Mr. Pence, "Nothing happened, however, and 1 went clear out to those big rocks by the occur. There the sea comes right in and you cannot get past, rocks drop down into deep water, started back and decided to go out on that rock where you found me.' Mr. Pence pause and shuddered at useful and incidentally to read a little "It ran out from the shore like a

pier." he continued. "I went out termined to remain that Judge Burch at the end and sat down to watch good naturedly acquiesced. the fishes. The water was clear as crystal, and the bottom was white sand. It was cool in the shade of was part owner in the principal newsthe rock and I enjoyed it. I noticed a fanny piece of quartz in the rock, and took out my knife to see if could pry it out. In doing so I pulled out a coin and it struck the rock and bounded into the water. I been turning. Montgomery is on the could see it as it zigzagged through bench of the Michigan supreme court; the water. A fish chased after it, Judge Burch through the influence of and for a moment I thought be was his former office boy has been appoint going to swallow it, but he didn't. Mr. Pence took another small taste

of brandy to steady his nerves, "I could see where the nickel lay knew it was a nickel, as I had but 14 left New York, and when I counted only six cents. That proved it was "You know what a nickel looks

"I did not propose to lose that

the sound of a sumpping twig be- ashore and cut a pole about to feet had been advanced to \$10 in \$500. This bind blue, and turned only to see a long, trimmed it up nicely, and went was on Tuesday. On Wednesday, when splendid spetted deer not two rods back. I reached down into the wa- no further news had been heard, the distant. Sidney threw up his hands for and started to poke the nickel rate had jumped to \$25 in the \$500. and "shower" him away. The buck along towards the other end of the On Thursday it reached \$50, and by ran a few verds and stopped, but rock where the water was shallow Proday the enormous sum of \$100 in did not follow up his study of haman and I could reach it. It was slow \$500 was declared to be the rate in any reservoir. He had made the cloudt sure it was lost, but I dug it up how horribly these announcements conof all that part of the park south of the brook. It did not take long other side of the brook. It did not take long other side of the rock. But was deeply concerned in the arrival of the to complete the survey of the re-

the pole and it floated away with my Contrary to a popular belief, Edward handkerehief. The tide kept on ris- Everett Hale now comes forward with ing until I could not stay on that a positive statement that Daniel Webside of the reak, so I went to the long acquaintance with the emment oror a crocodile, or a shark would come and desires. along and get me. It was awful,"

for you. With your careless, reckless | man tasted an occasional glass. disposition in money matters you will be so reduced in circumstances dressing a political meeting, Daniel when you reach New York that you Webster entered a small inn. The will have to walk home."

Mr. Pence looked at the millionaire had gathered about an inert stove. The operator doubtfully but said nothing. landlord was delighted at having so He reached into his pocket, produced distinguished a man as a guest. Handthe six pennies and the red bridge ing Mr. Webster a glass of whisky, he ticket, and went to his room where said graciously; "Take it, sir, It will he placed them in the inner recesses | warm you up."

that he was fishing, but it was ise. The explorers had brought back H. S. Thrall, one of the pioneers of two dozen ballamas, and these graced | Methodism in Texas. In company with with a huge joint of roast venison farmer. It was the custom then to setand frantically waved a handker- a grouse and the gold-breasted trum- ride a good way before breakfast and prowess of Mr. Keni. Sidney had Thrall, acting as spokesman of the parfellow on that rock over there? See During this time, those on the essayed some "baking powder bis- ty, said to the old farmer after support stone pier noted with alarm that the cuits," and had attained a sudinary "We are a company of Methodist triumph. These served with jetties, preachers going to conference. If you some fine claret, and topped off with | will get the family together, we will pleted a dinner which will not be ers one by one settled his Sill. forgotten by those who gathered Thrall's turn came, and he asked for around the board in that tropical his bill. The old figmer replied, "Well,

CHANGED HIS MIND.

It was shortly after this that the im

ONE MAN'S CAREER.

Result of Making Himself Office Boy at Nothing a Week,

"Be good to the office boy" is a moral taught by the career of William Alden Smith of Michigan. He had saved a little money and wanted a place to sandy Blackstone. This was in 1879. He thought first of Chicago and even went so far as to go to that city and apply for a place as office boy in the firm of Walker & Dexter But it was in the summer, and the beads were all out of town, and he ended by returning to Grand Rapids. Here he selected the firm of Burch & Montgomery. He had suggested this before, but they had not needed him. He was this time confronted by a closed office and a card tacked on the door saying they were out of town and would not be back for several weeks.

Bur this did not dannt Smith, who looked up Mr. Pierce, the owner of the building and a man of some prominence in the town. He told Pierce what he wanted and finally persuaded And so it happened when Judge Barch returned he found his offices swept and garnished and a brisk young clerk dill gently reading at one of the desks. To the inquiries of the judge the young fellow replied that he had come to stay; that he was the office boy at notifing a week. All he wanted, he said was a chance to make himself law. Things were kept so clean and the young man was so respectfully de-

In seven years Smith was a member of the firm. In seven years more be paper in the place and proprietor of a branch railroad. In another seven years he had added two more railroads to his assets and was in congress. Meantime the wheel of fortune has ed assistant to the United States attorney general and resides in Washington, vaile Pierce, who had met with financial reverses, was rewarded for the pass key which he had given Smith by an appointment as assistant sergeant at arms of the United States house of representatives.-Washington Letter in Boston Transcript

Only recently a great Atlantic liner

was announced to be three days overdue. On the third day there was no property shipped upon it, but on the fourth day, when anxiety as to both money," said Mr. Pence, regarding the passengers and the property on Mr. Kent with suspicion, "I could board had increased, it was ominously see it as plain as I see you. It was announced from Lloyd's that the rate of in about ten feet of water. I went insurance upon that particular vessel work. Sometimes I would pake it and all manner of insurance upon the into the sand, and one time I was missing vessel. It is needless to say was five feet deep there. Then I there is any hope it will be longest the other side. To my horror I saw say that when the great liner in quesloleing at the announcement than in "Did you get the nickel?" asked the room where it was tolled out by "No," said Mr. Pence saidly. "An erior to the assembled crowd at eddy of water whirled the sand over Lloyd's.-Chalmers Roberts in World's

afor and also an intimacy which per-

Mr. Hale shatters conclusively all the "You should be more careful with evidence of intemperance with which You let me keep that bridge ticket However, he does admit that the states-

On one occasion, just previous to adplace was chilly, and a large crowd

"Thank you," said Webster, He

An amusing story is told of the Rev. pa'son, I charged the rest 25 cents. but, bein' as you prayed for us so good, I won't charge you but 20 cents." The brethren had the laugh on Dr. Thrall.

WORLD BEATTER.

that were out two photograph dlams." -

There's nothing this doing a thing throughly. Or all the slaves you ever

But some years later, as the historian a duar, shrdly only probably property of the following the fo

and tree, the plateau on which they now stood was a noble tropical forcest—a veritable park with glades, rocks, picturesque rayines and gender.

Simon Pence was speechless with ing for in the dictionary, my son? asked heard of the dictionary and curve flavors. The ledge on which he stood was a noble tropical control of the dictionary and curve flavors. The ledge on which he stood was a policy flavor of the dictionary and curve flavor of the dictionar "It seemed a shame to kill bim." was now an island, but Sidney ob-piled young follidge, served that at low tide it must have tocks, picturesque ravines and gen- dead. been connected with the shore. They absentumatedly .- Philadelphia Press.